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2. The report contains the following information: a sketch of the airfield; the units stationed at the airfield, including Fighter Regiment, [redacted], and Fighter School, [redacted]; the aircraft at the airfield, such as YAK-3's and MIG-15's; the general location of a radar station; locations of the fuel and ammunition dumps; road and railroad connections, and limited general area information.

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The MLAWA Airfield at Rywocyn, Poland.

(1) MLAWA is a village on the border ^{between} of the former Poland and the Polish-administered part of former Germany, situated NW of Warsaw, on the Warsaw-Ciechanow-Mlawa Rail-road Line. It is approximately 130 kilometers NW of Warsaw.

(2) General.

The present airfield was constructed during the period ~~from~~ 1950 - 1952. The first concrete runway was constructed in 1951, the second in 1952. The roads which formerly crossed the airfield area were done away with.

(3) Location.

The airfield is located 9 kilometers NW of the Mlawa-Wolka Railroad Station and 12 kilometers NW of the Main Square ⁱⁿ the village ^{of} Mlawa, measured from the ^{steeped} two-[^] Roman-Catholic Church which ~~is located on~~ is on Main Square. The airfield is on a plateau, called Narcym.

N corner: 1 kilometer South of the southern border of the village ^{of} Bursch.

W corner: 150 meters east of ~~the~~ Rywocyn Castle.

E corner: In the Zworaden woods. The woods there were cleared. No other orientation point.

S corner: 1.1 kilometers from the village ^{of} Krepa.

The southern edge is about 1.1 kilometers from the [^]Josefowo brick kiln. The eastern edge is in the cleared area of the Zworaden woods.

The airfield has the shape of a rectangle, the length of which runs in WNW - ESE direction.

Length: 2,400 meters.

Width: 1,000 meters.

(4) Runway, taxi strip.

Runway.

On the airfield, ^{running} ~~two~~ diagonally ~~there~~, there are 2 runways. See No. 1 on sketch.

They ~~connect~~ run from the W corner to the E corner, and from the N corner to the S corner. They cross in the center of the field. Both are made of concrete. They

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are 35 - 40 meters wide.

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On the S corner and E corner there ^{are} ~~20~~ 20-meter-wide clear ^{ed areas in} ~~the~~ woods, and
 a continuations of the concrete runways. (See No. 2 on sketch.)

Taxi strip.

Taxi strip runs along the whole eastern edge of the field; (see No. 3 on sketch)
 From E corner to S corner; length, 1,000 meters; width, 20 meters; made of concrete.

(5) Units stationed at airfield.

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1. Headquarters (Kommando) Fighter Regiment No. 127. [redacted]

2. Fighter School. [redacted]
 Force

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3. Air ~~Force~~ Service Battalion.

Note Concerning Point

1.: Headquarters Fighter Regiment. [redacted]

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The 1st Squadron (Eskadrille) was established in spring 1954.

The 2nd Squadron was established in September 1954.

Fully established [at full strength]: The Signal Company.

The Anti-Aircraft Machine-Gun Company has not yet been set up.

Aircraft:

MIG-15 fighters. The aircraft are painted metal-grey, the nose blue. Except
 for their national emblems, the aircraft have no identification marks.

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2.: Fighter School. [redacted]

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Organized into: I. Fighter School,

II. Jet Fighter School.

Each school has a staff of instructors

~~The schools have no instructors in their own~~ and students detailed to ^{its} ~~their~~ training
 courses.

Aircraft:

12 YAK-3

12 YAK-9

25 MIG-15

[reconnaissance]

2 messenger aircraft, biplane, type ? [redacted]

1 ^{twin} engine transport plane, type LI-2.

Note Concerning Point

3.: Air ~~Force~~ Service Battalion.

Guard. transportation, signal, and repair platoon? At present there is only one

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Company, 150 men strong.

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Air Activity.

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[redacted] activity varied. Most active component was the jet-fighter school section of the fighter school. In fall, aircraft of this section were in the air almost daily, even in poor weather. Solo flights were carried out; they lasted 20 minutes. Pilots were changed ~~often~~ frequently.

(6) Buildings.

The buildings are located at the eastern edge, camouflaged by the wooded area.

There are 4 hangars.

One hangar is located 120 meters north of the S corner. See No. 5 ^{on} sketch.

It is 120 x 60 meters in size, ~~and~~ has a flat roof, and steel-sheet doors (assembly hangar).

Fifty meters north of this hangar is the second hangar; see No. 6 ^{on} sketch. This hangar is 80 x 45 meters, and ~~has~~ its framework is of concrete.

Flight tower (Flugrichtungsturm), see No. 4 ^{on} sketch. It is located 80 meters northeast of the abovementioned hangar No. 6. It is on a 15 x 15 meter concrete base; the tower is 8 x 8 meters and 20 meters high; it has a flat roof.

Eighty meters north of the tower are two more hangars of the same dimensions as the abovementioned ones.

Airfield Command Building; see No. 7 ^{on} sketch. It is a ~~one~~ two-story building (einstoeckig), painted grey, with a flat roof (20 x 12 meters).

All the aforementioned buildings are on the eastern edge (of the airfield).

180 meters east of the eastern edge, under camouflage ~~in a clearing in the~~ ^{in a clearing in the} ~~woods~~ ^{and} covering an area of 400 x 400 meters, is the barracks camp, No. 8 ^{on} ~~the~~ sketch. The camp consists of 40 one-story barracks, ~~some~~ ^{some} 35 x 15 meters in size, ~~some~~ ^{some} 20 x 12 meters, one storage building, and garages. The trees in the area of the barracks camp were not cut and provide good camouflage for the one-story buildings.

The barracks camp lies within the fenced-in area of the airfield.

(7) " Blast-shelters "

None.

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(8) Fencing.

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The whole airfield area and the barracks camp are ~~XXXXXXXX~~ surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.

(9) Radar, radio, and meteorological station.Radar.

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[redacted] a permanent radar station ~~was~~ erected east of the barracks camp, No. 8 ~~on~~ ^{on} sketch, in the woods of ZWORADEN (~~approximately~~ ^{reportedly} 1 3/4 kilometers east of the barracks camp). [redacted] the radar station is surrounded by a 25X1 double barbed-wire fence and is under constant guard. The area has been declared "off ~~the~~ ^{of} limit".

Radio.

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Radio transmitter and receiver is in the flight tower, No. 4 ~~on~~ ^{on} sketch. [redacted] ⁱⁿ on top of a 3-meter ~~high~~ pole a spherical antenna (Kugelantenne) on the roof of the flight tower.

The spherical antenna is 1 meter in diameter.

Meteorological station.

None.

On the roofs of the hangars are several anemometers (wind gauges) and wind socks.

(10) Fuel and ammunition.

Fuel dump. see No. 12 ~~on~~ ^{on} sketch.

The fuel dump is located south of the barracks camp, No. 8 ~~on~~ ^{on} sketch, south of the road which runs from MLAWA WOLKA to the camp.

Area: 150 x 80 meters, fenced in with barbed-wire fence; the fuel tanks are ~~underground~~ underground; area is constantly guarded. [redacted]

Fuel is brought ~~by tank trucks~~ ^{to the pumps} to the airfield area.

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At the fuel dump, ~~gasoline pumps~~ (Abfuellstutzen), 1.5 meters in height, ~~and~~ ^{and}

30 ~~centimeters~~ centimeters in diameter, [redacted] ~~locking~~ caps ^{to the pumps} are screwed on.

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At the location marked No. 12 on the sketch is a ^{ditch} 1.5 meter deep ~~ditch~~ which runs zigzag ~~in it~~ ^{in it}, ~~approximately~~ ^{are stored} 200 barrels of fuel and lubricants ~~stored~~. Storage is in the open and the barrels can be seen clearly. There are no fuel tanks near

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the hangars; fueling is done ~~only~~ from tank trucks only.

Ammunition. See sketch, No. 13.

Within the barracks camp area and on the eastern edge of the area is the ammunition depot. Eight corrugated-sheet barracks, ellipse-shaped, [redacted]

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(11) Defense measures.

(~~positions~~) ^{emplacements.}

There are no permanent anti-aircraft ~~positions~~. However, the anti-aircraft units which are stationed at MLAWA carry out training exercises on the airfield area frequently. Excavations are dug, but after the exercise they are filled up again.

(12) Illumination.

There are no searchlights. ~~Searchlight~~ lights are ^{embedded in the ground} ~~fixed~~ along the edges of the runways (yellow and red lights). ^{At night, high} ~~points~~ ⁱⁿ the airfield area, e.g., hangar roofs, flight tower, airfield command building, are marked ^{by} ~~with~~ red lights ~~continuously~~ ^{during nighttime}.

(13) Electric power.

^{is obtained from the power} Electric power station in MLAWA. An overhead line leads from MLAWA (see No. 9 ~~on~~ sketch), north of the MLAWA road, to the transformer station (see No. 10 ^{on} sketch) in the southern corner of the barracks camp (No. 8 ^{on} sketch). (The transformer station is 3 x 3 meters in size.) An underground cable leads from the transformer station to the barracks ~~of the~~ camp and from there ~~continues~~ (still underground) to the airfield area.

(14) Road and railroad ~~and~~ connections.

A road leads from the MLAWA WOLKA railroad station ^{ward} ~~to~~ northwest ~~direction~~ to the barracks camp (No. 8 ^{on} sketch). The wooded area is an off-limit, military zone. There is no ~~industrial~~ railroad ^{spur} ~~connection~~.

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Legend to sketch:

1. Concrete runways.
 2. Clearance in the woods, extensions of the runways.
 3. Taxi strip.
 4. Flight tower.
 5. Assembly hangar.
 6. Hangars.
 7. Airfield Command.
 8. Barracks camp.
 9. Electric power overhead line.
 10. Transformer station.
 11. Permanent radar station;
 12. Central fuel dump.
 13. Ammunition depot.
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